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Subject: 2021 NTIA Hate Crimes Report

Dear Ms. Remaley,

I am writing you today regarding the most recent NTIA Hate Crimes Report from January 2021, which contains revisions for the previous 1993 report titled *The Role of Telecommunications in Hate Crimes*. The updated report comes to a similar conclusion as the 1993 Report, finding no evidence of a link between freedom of speech online and such crimes.

Inexplicably, while NTIA has placed the 1993 Report on its website, where it still may be found (https://www.ntia.doc.gov/legacy/reports/1993/TelecomHateCrimes1993.pdf), NTIA has failed to make the updated 2021 Report similarly available. I would like to better understand reasons behind withholding the 2021 Report's valuable findings from the American people.

Hate crimes continue to be a relevant point of concern and discussion in American politics, and the public deserves to have access to reliable, contemporary information on the facts of the matter. While the 2021 Report's findings may undermine common narratives touting a relation between internet free speech and hate crimes, nothing is more valuable than the truth as demonstrated by evidence.

My constituents deserve to know the facts regarding the prevalence of internet inspired hate crimes and I request that you provide citizen access to the updated NTIA report on your official website. Please abide by all rules and regulations when completing this request and provide a written response update to my staff at roy.burke@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Gosar, DID.S Member of Congress

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